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(A) ORGANIZATION OF THE JAPANESE FLEETS. October 30, 1941 (1057)

The following revision of Op-16-F-2, O.N.I. Serial #27-41 supersedes and replaces the former report on this subject.

The principal change consists of a further increase in the number of fleet commands. This has arisen from the re-grouping of aircraft carriers and seaplane tenders into separate forces, and from the creation of special task forces in connection with the southward advance into Indo-China. The re-grouping has resulted in a notable specialization within the various commands, as shown below.

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The Japanese Navy now includes more vessels in active service than ever before. More merchant ships have been taken over by the Navy, and the line between merchant ship and naval auxiliary grows fainter all the time. The base forces and guard divisions in the Mandated Islands have also greatly increased the strength of the Navy, which is on full wartime footing.

COMBINED FLEET AND FIRST FLEET

YAMAMOTO Isoroku, CinC (Admiral)

NAGATO, Flagship
(FIRST FLEET)

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(B) JAPANESE FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE MANDATED ISLANDS.

1. FOURTH FLEET, which may be termed the MANDATE FLEET, apparently administers the Naval activities, afloat and ashore and also the Army Garrisons units in the Mandated Islands. While the forces afloat exercise administrative jurisdiction over the Mandate area, the Yokosuka Naval District is directly responsible for the supply of stores, material and provisions. Truk is the headquarters for supply and munitions and has been principle Fourth Fleet operating base.

2. Up to the present the entire Mandated Islands have been lightly garrisoned, the majority of the garrison units being Naval Defence Forces ("special Landing Forces" corresponding to our Marine Corps) but some Army troops are believed to be on SAIPAN, PALAO, PONAPE, TRUK and JALUIT. The total garrison force has been estimated at fifteen thousand. In addition, there are Civil Engineering Units engaged in development work on various islands. Working in conjunction with these are naval engineering units, naval ordnance specialists, navy yard units with civilian navy yard workers and technicians. The network of naval radio stations has been greatly expanded, meteorological stations and high frequency direction finders installed at strategic locations, aviation facilities increased both in scope and number, and shore-batteries emplaced on strategic islands of key Atolls.

3. It is apparent that a decision to expedite the fortification, expansion of facilities and militarization of the Mandated Islands, was made late in 1940, probably concurrently with the signing of the TriPartite Pact. The movement of naval auxiliaries, small and medium cargo, freight-passenger vessels (ex-merchant marine) to the Mandates began in December, 1940, and has increased in scope and number until some seventy odd vessels are engaged in this traffic, the average number present in the Mandate area at any one time being some forty odd vessels.

4. The function of supply of munitions, supplies, material and provisions to the Mandates is under the YOKOSUKA Naval District with a Headquarters for Civil Engineering, Munitions, Military Stores and Supplies for the Mandates centered at Truk, although this function is normally under the jurisdiction of Yokosuka as the Mandates are in the First (HQ - YOKOSUKA) Naval District.

5. The Commanders of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Base Forces are subordinate commanders under Commander-in-Chief, 4th Fleet; they have a designated Flagship and a Headquarters or Administrative Section, the latter remaining ashore at the home base regardless of the movements of the command or the Flagship. Each Base Force contains a DEFENCE FORCE, detachments of which are stationed on outlying islands of that general area. Four Ro Class submarines have been reported to be attached to the PALAO BASE FORCE.

6. Considerable air activity has been in evidence in the SAIPAN, PALAO-PELELIU, TRUK, PONAPE and JALUIT-KWAJALEIN areas. Close cooperation has been noted between the Defence Forces and the Aircraft activities at their home bases.

Foreign steamers nearing the SAIPAN area have been subject to aircraft observation and close scrutiny by Patrol planes, Bombers and Fighters. Heavy land plane bombers and patrol planes, undoubtedly ORANGE, have made reconnaissance flights over the Gilbert Islands (TARAWA, BUTARITARI, and BERU)

7. The distribution of material, personnel, and installations in the Mandated Islands is indicated in table "A". While this is admittedly incomplete and may be subject to inaccuracies, it represents the latest and best intelligence on this subject. In addition to those listed in Table A, there are a number of potential bases, principally in the lagoons of the naturally protected atolls, which may be used as emergency bases or may be earmarked for "priority two" development.

8. The latest information (up to 25 November 1941) indicates that the present distribution of the Air forces (believed to be a temporary strategical disposition rather than a permanent assignment) in the Mandates is:

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Includes</u>
Airron 24	Marshall Area	(AV) KAMOI (AV?)...Maru ex-CHITOSE Air Group ex-YOKOHAMA Air Grp
11th Air Group	PALAO Area	
16th Air Group	PALAO Area	
17th Air Group	TRUK	
18th Air Group	SAIPAN	
19th Air Group	IMIEJI Is. (Jaluit Atoll)	
Air Station (and Air Group?)	WOTJE	
Air Station (and Air Group?)	KWAJALEIN	
<u>?</u> AIR GROUP	TRUK	

The exact composition of these Air Groups is unknown and the estimates of total ^{plane} strength in the Mandates vary widely:
62 - 26^a planes

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GROUP	MARSHALL ISLANDS - JALUIT HEADQUARTERS - HQ - TRIUK	JALUIT	WAKAJALEIN	ERU	UJELANG	ENIWETOK	IRIRIRIN	RONGELAP	ENIADOKKU	KUSAIE	PINGELAP	PONAPE	LANGAR	TOL	DOUBLON	PULUWAT	OLOL NAKRUU TO GREEN	KAPINGANARANGI (WICH)	LAMOTREK	MORTLUCK	WIL EAL (MANGAL)
ATOLL		JALUIT	WAKAJALEIN	ERU	UJELANG	ENIWETOK	IRIRIRIN	RONGELAP	ENIADOKKU	KUSAIE	PINGELAP	PONAPE	LANGAR	TOL	DOUBLON	PULUWAT	OLOL NAKRUU TO GREEN	KAPINGANARANGI (WICH)	LAMOTREK	MORTLUCK	WIL EAL (MANGAL)
ISLAND (or ATOLL)		JALUIT	WAKAJALEIN	ERU	UJELANG	ENIWETOK	IRIRIRIN	RONGELAP	ENIADOKKU	KUSAIE	PINGELAP	PONAPE	LANGAR	TOL	DOUBLON	PULUWAT	OLOL NAKRUU TO GREEN	KAPINGANARANGI (WICH)	LAMOTREK	MORTLUCK	WIL EAL (MANGAL)
ADMINIS. OFFICE/HQ-C		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAVAL RADIO/HE/DE-0		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAVAL ENGINEER/HE/DE-0		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAVAL DETACHMENT OF 6TH LANDING FIELD		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SEAPLANE FACILITIES		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AIR BASE #8		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AIR TECH SECT #52		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AIR GROUP OR AIR CORPS		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CIVIL ENG UNITS		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAVY YARD UNITS		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ORDNANCE SPECIALISTS		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SHORE BATTERIES (C)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AA BATTERIES (C)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LOOKOUT TOWERS		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CONTROL STATIONS		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
METEOROLOGICAL STATION OR FACIL.		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MUNITIONS DEPT		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SUPPLY DEPT		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BRANCH # OFFICE		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ARMY TROOPS ESTIMATED No.		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PORT ANCHORAGE		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SEAPLANE BASE		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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W. CAROLINES - PALAO HEADQUARTERS	Head-Quarters	MARIANAS
PALAO (Below)		
ULITHI	X	X
FAIS	X	X
SOROL	X	X
TAP	X	X
KOROR	X	X
ARAKABESAN	X	X
BABEL THUAP	X	X
PELELIU	X	X
HELEN REEF	X	X
TORB (GORDON)	X	X
PAGAN	X	X
SAIPAN	X	X
TINIAN	X	X

